



City of Tucson - Quarterly Critical Project Status Report

First Quarter 2003 July-September

Focus Area: Downtown

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Strategies for the Year Aggressively manage downtown's redevelopment through partnering efforts with public and private organizations and individuals active in the downtown.
 Provide a highly "amenitized" urban center focused on the proposed entertainment experience area on Congress Street from Church Avenue to 4th Avenue, linked with the Tucson Convention Center and its adjoining proposed new Civic Plaza.
 Leverage private leadership and investment in downtown through targeted public investment.

Project Name	Description	Accomplishments Last Quarter	Goals for Next Quarter
Rio Nuevo Phase 1 Infrastructure and land sale.	Select an engineering consultant to design two subdivision plats and roads. Obtain approval on the final plats and begin construction of the roads this fiscal year. Sell blocks through a Request For Proposal process.	Subdivision plat approved by mayor and Council on Oct 7.	Jan 2003 RFP for Blocks 2 and 9
Rio Nuevo Civic Plaza Attractions RFP/ IGA	Prepare RFP/ IGA/ contract for Aquarium, Theatres, Science Museum, Cultural Centers, commercial projects and infrastructure.	Completed Aquarium feasibility Study U of A Science Center included U of A 5 year CIP by Arizona Board of Regents. Rio Nuevo CAC, Rio Nuevo Board and Mayor and Council approved feasibility study for U of A Science Center.	12/04/2002 Review draft feasibility report on Aquarium with TAC. Report to RNCAC, Rio Nuevo Board and Mayor and Council.
Downtown Tucson Intermodal Center	The Downtown Tucson Intermodal Center is a phased project that includes facilities for transportation elements in the eastern end of the downtown area. Passenger trains, inter-city bus service, intra-city bus service, historic trolley, bicycle, pedestrian, shuttle services, rental cars, and parking facilities will all be accommodated. The project also includes retail Restaurant, office space, parking and a transportation museum. The project is scheduled to be completed in phases, with completion of the depot building in the fall of 2003	Demolition and asbestos abatement has reached substantial completion.	Bid Phase 2 work. Bids due 10/31/02.
New TCC Ticket Office	Construct Ticket Office on east side of facility. First construction project necessary for Rio Nuevo Project. This project also combines project #386 (facility upgrades). Grand Ballroom recarpeting and lighting upgrades to the Arena and Music Hall are included.	Plans check and permit process finalized. Bid accepted.	Under Construction. Steel shell of new ticket office to be erected. Sign code amendment to allow for electronic message center approved by Citizens Sign Code Committee, public hearing to be scheduled (12/5/02). Sign code amendment request to be presented to Mayor and Council upon conclusion of public hearing.
100 Little Things	Begin making physical improvements to targeted areas on Congress and elsewhere downtown, using a variety of funding sources from existing programs.	Back to basics awards made, contract awarded for Scott Avenue design (DOT project), Congress Street discussions underway with owners. TDA to lead event coordination/orchestration.	Implement back to basics for downtown, complete design for W. Congress streetscape with property owners; commence design for Scott Avenue.
Fox Theatre	Restoration of the Historic Fox Theatre on Congress St.	\$1.0 Million Grant received from Housing and Urban Development. Rio Nuevo CAC and Rio Nuevo Board recommended \$3.5 million for Fox. Fox Theatre Board approves proposed Development Agreement.	11/25/2002 Development Agreement to Mayor and Council